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To the DIRECTOR.

An intelligence summary of the Department of National Defence announces the return of the troops of the FOREST[LESNOJ][i] Army who took part in the capture of KISKA Island. Most [a] of the soldiers [C^b recently went on] a long spell of leave. After returning from leave, they will be dispersed to garrisons in LESOVIA[LESOVIA][ii] and some of them will be sent overseas.

The force consisted of:

An infantry regiment, called LE REGIMENT DE HULL ([C^b a contingent]).

A ranger [LESNICHILJ] unit - The ROCKY MOUNTAIN RANGERS.

A company of the ST. JOHN FUSILIERS, NOVA SCOTIA.

24th Field Artillery Regiment.

46th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery.

24th Field Engineer Company.

[1 group unrecovered][b] Field [1 word unrecovered].

A medical unit and also attached artillery and administrative sub-units, military police and a postal section.

All the units were formed from conscripts. The officer commanding the force -- Brigadier POSTER. Only American troops will remain on KISKA. Details about the composition of the force on KISKA were released to the Press by mistake.

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To EVSTIGNEEV.[iv]

1. On [1 group unrecovered][c] I introduced ROGOV[v] to the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal LECKIE[LEKKI].

2. The Director of Intelligence, Air Staff, Group Captain (equivalent to colonel) STEWART[STIVART]

[51 groups unrecoverable]

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could not do [D% in OTTAWA]. [D% Please send] artillery, air and combined-unit [D% shoulder straps] by the next pouch.

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Notes: [a] Or: many.
[b] Certainly an ordinal number, but possibly garbled.
[c] Probably a date.

Comments: [i] FOREST: Canadian
[ii] LESOVIA: CANADA
[iii] GRANT: Col. Nikolaj I. ZABOTIN, Soviet Military Attaché
in OTTAWA.
[iv] EVSTIGNEEV: Brig. Gen. V.M. EVSTIGNEEV, Head of Foreign
Affairs Section of People's Commissariat for
Defense, 1941-45.
[v] ROGOV: Maj. V.M. ROGOV, Soviet Assistant Military Attaché
for Air in OTTAWA.

29 July, 1968

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